



ALTERNATIVES COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERVICES “Building Community for Belonging, Acceptance and Growth”

FEATURED STORY

Luke first joined our Building Bridges program in October 2013 as a High School student attending Crestwood Secondary School. Luke participated in many activities and programs offered through Alternatives, never missing the opportunity to try something new or to make another friend.

One such program was the Teen Adventure Group (TAG) run in partnership with the YMCA on Wednesday evenings. Luke was also an energetic participant in our Building Bridges summer camps and in our Advanced Skills program while he prepared for what the future would hold for him after his high school career.

Following graduation from Crestwood Secondary Luke became even more actively involved in our DROP (Daily Recreational Options Program) and in our Day Program.

He is now eager to pursue his dream to work in a men's clothing store one day and is meeting with our job developer in the Employment Supports program to determine next steps.

Luke eagerly embraces all opportunities that come his way. He is an athlete with Special Olympics and continues to be involved in the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough.

Recently Luke made headlines when he and his friends launched their own business supported by the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. Launched in February 2020 you can read the story by clicking on or going to the link below...

<https://kawarthanow.com/2020/02/28/peterborough-adults-with-down-syndrome-launch-their-own-business/>

We all wish Luke the best in his future endeavors, of which we are sure there will be many.



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Alternatives Community Program Services (Peterborough) Inc. is a not-for-profit, charitable organization governed by a committed volunteer Board of Directors.

Alternatives strives to inspire and excite people of all abilities to enrich their skills, celebrate life and have fun with families, friends and neighbours by;

- ⇒ Fostering real friendships
- ⇒ Valuing personal and informed choices
- ⇒ Honouring personal worth and citizenship
- ⇒ Promoting life-long learning
- ⇒ Respecting personal safety and security
- ⇒ Enjoying healthy and active lifestyles

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For over 30 years **Alternatives Community Program Services** has been passionate about improving the quality of life for people living with developmental challenges, supporting about 250 individuals and their families annually. Our gifted and energetic employees provide opportunities for experiences and participation in the areas of employment, volunteerism, recreation and learning new skills while fostering a sense of 'community and belonging' for people of differing abilities.

After almost 5 years of renovations we are thrilled to be able to invite neighbours, friends and colleagues to tour our completed facility.

OPEN HOUSE

May 7, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**(may be subject to change depending on COVID-19,
watch our website for up to date information)**



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Please come by and see the facilities, share a story you may have about the former St. Georges Anglican Church, bring pics for our scrapbook, take a tour, meet some of the people on the inside and enjoy a treat.

I want to thank all those that have already or that plan to join our growing list of amazing donors. For just \$100 your name will be engraved on a 'leaf' and added to our Donors 'Giving Tree'.

Be part of something great, be a good neighbour and be proud that you BELONG.

Vikki Eтчells
Executive Director



Acceptance Builds Community.....

the ABC's of Alternatives

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